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SUBJECT: JAPANESE POLICY ON VIETNAM

1. ON JUNE 1 JAPANESE MINISTER YAMAZAKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SULLIVAN TO INQUIRE INTO STATUS OF PARIS TALKS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE. BEGINNING WITH SUMMARY OF RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN ASIAN BUREAU CHIEF YOSHIDA AND SHOESMITH, YAMAZAKI EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WHICH GOJ ATTACHES TO RESULTS OF PARIS TALKS IN DETERMINING ITS MOVES TOWARD OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. YAMAZAKI STRESSED POINT THAT OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV WOULD PLACE GOJ IN BETTER POSITION TO EXPAND AID TO SVN AND REST OF INDOCHINA. ASKED BY SULLIVAN IF IT WERE CORRECT TO INTERPRET GOJ POLICY AS INDICATING THAT OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV IS CONDITIONED UPON SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF JANUARY AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, YAMAZAKI REITERATED THAT GOJ WOULD CLOSELY WATCH RESULTS OF KISSINGER- LE DUC THO TALKS IN MAKING
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FINAL DECISION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO YAMAZAKI'S QUESTIONS, SULLIVAN SAID THAT OUR PURPOSE IN SEEKING RENEWED TALKS IN PARIS WAS TO ATTEMPT TO PUT AN END TO SITUATION IN WHICH NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE CONTINUED TO VIOLATE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN JANUARY IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT WAYS. OUR MAJOR CONCERNS WERE THREEFOLD: 1) CONTINUED NORTH VIETNAMESE

VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, 2) CONTINUED INFILTRATION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND WAR MATERIAL INTO SOUTH VIETNAM, AND 3) FAILURE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TO IMPLEMENT OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO LAOS AND CAMBODIA. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT A CEASEFIRE BE REACHED IN CAMBODIA AND THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE REMOVE THEIR TROOPS, WHICH ARE

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